

HONOR ROLL OF LIVING PAST COMMANDERS

280th LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo	1988-1989	Munich/Berlin
281st BG Joseph Milano	1989-1990	Washington DC/Tokyo/ Bangkok
285th COL Ernest C. Caggiano	1993-1994	Portugal / Malta / Sicily
293rd CPT Joseph C. Benoit	2001-2002	Cayman/Belize/Mexico/ Honduras
295th CPT George Morrison	2003-2004	Scotland/Iceland
298th CPT Daniel G. May	2006-2007	Buenos Aries
300th CPT Jerome V. Sweeney	2008-2009	Beijing, China/ Bangkok, Thailand
303rd CPT Paul J. Covell	2011-2012	Poland / Ireland
305th CPT Francis J. Magaletta	2013-2014	London/Madrid
306th CPT Gerard C. McCarthy	2014-2015	Prague/Munich
307th CPT Domenic A. Previte	2015-2016	Rome/Malta
308th BG Robert E. Welch	2016-2017	San Diego/Honolulu
309th CPT Dennis C. O'Brien	2017-2018	France/Belgium
310th LTC Charles J. McCarthy	2018-2019	Washington, DC / Gettysburg / Antietam
311th CPT Nicholas Schiarizzi	2019-2020	Zagreb / Split / Dubrovnik
313th CPT Robert A. Imlach, Jr.	2021-2022	Barcelona / Valencia Spain
314th CPT Thomas J. Goodfellow	2022-2023	Quebec City / Maritime Provinces
315th CPT Timothy J. Haraden	2023 – 2024	London, United Kingdom

387th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET 2 JUNE 2025



**ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
ARTILLERY COMPANY
of MASSACHUSETTS**

**MARRIOTT COURTYARD
DOWNTOWN BOSTON HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

Welcome message from
MAJ Michael A. Fish, Esq.
316th Captain Commanding A.H.A.C.

2024 - 2025



DISTINGUISHED HEAD TABLE GUESTS, VIP TABLE GUESTS, COMMAND STAFF, DISTINGUISHED PAST COMMANDERS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, OFFICERS AND STAFF, REVEREND/CLERGY, VISITING DELEGATIONS, ANCIENT'S ALL,

WELCOME TO THE 387TH JUNE DAY BANQUET UNDER THE ROOF OF CLUB ROYALE. I WANT TO THANK OUR HOSTS WHO HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE THE ANCIENTS VERY WELCOME. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR HOST HOTEL WHO MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY NEED AND HAVE EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS.

SIX LONG YEARS AGO I PROMISED IN MY CAMPAIGN TO FIX LONG IGNORED ISSUES, RETURN OUR GREAT COMPANY TO LONG PRACTICED TRADITIONS, TO BE A LEADER WHO LISTENS TO ITS MEMBERS AND TO ACT UPON THOSE ISSUES SO RAISED. MOST IMPORTANT!!, PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR MILITARY HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS. MY GOAL, TO RAISE AWARENESS THROUGH ACTIVE SERVICE, VISIBILITY, EXPOSURE AS A COMPANY TO OUR CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY. HOW? PARTICIPATION AS A COMPANY IN EVERY SIGNIFICANT EVENT, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. WE AS A NATION ARE CELEBRATING OUR 250TH ANNIVERSARY, EIGHT YEARS OF HISTORICAL EVENTS ALL REQUIRING GREAT DETAIL AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP BY THIS COMPANY. WE WERE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATED IN EVERY BATTLE, SECURING THIS GREAT NATION. WE DID MORE THAN PARTICIPATE, WE TRAINED THOSE LEADERS WHO LED TROOPS INTO BATTLE. IN OUR AUDIENCE ARE THE GREAT AMERICAN MILITIAS, PATRIOTS, DESCENDANTS OF THOSE PATRIOTS WHO CONTINUE TO REMIND THE WORLD, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH. A SHOUT OUT TO THE CENTENNIAL LEGION AND MY DEAR COMRADES FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND CORP OF CADETS. I AM INVOLVED IN A VETERANS ADAPTIVE SAILING GROUP IN NAPLES FLORIDA. I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS ESPECIALLY DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO MEET VINCENT, A HIGHLY DECORATED SPECIAL FORCES VETERAN WHO GAVE ALL. TOGETHER WE HAVE SAILED AND FUNDRaised TO ADVANCE THE CAUSES OF OUR WOUNDED WARRIORs. I AM PROUD TO CALL VINCENT AND HIS DAD JEFF BRODIER, NATIONAL COMMANDER, KOREAN WAR VETS MY GOOD FRIENDS AND FELLOW FLORIDIANS. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

THIS YEAR'S FOCUS REGARDING OUR NATION'S FOUNDING ON THIS 250TH WERE MANY. TWO MAJOR EVENTS REQUIRED DETAILED PLANNING. I FIRST WANT TO THANK SEVERAL FOLKS WHO MADE THESE EVENTS SO SUCCESSFUL. I ASK THE FOLLOWING FOLKS TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED:

GRAND MASTER OF MASON'S MASSACHUSETTS MW GEORGE FOREST HAMILTON, LT JOHN MITCHELL, SPECIAL EVENTS LIAISON, 250TH ANNIVERSARY, SGT. MIKE YAROSH, SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT COLLINS, LT JOE REGAN, EXEC SEC, LT CHUCK FAZIO, CURATOR, BG JOHN DRISCOLL ADJ, THE 101ST F/A SALUTE BATTERY FOR PROVIDING CANONS ON THE COMMON, THE ORDER OF LAFAYETTE, THE GOVERNORS OFFICE, THE CITY OF BOSTON, USS CONSTITUTION AND FINALLY THE LAFAYETTE COMMITTEE. I KNOW THERE WERE MANY HANDS INVOLVED AND BELIEVE ME, I THANK YOU ALL.

I PRESENT A PARTIAL LIST OF THIS YEAR'S EVENTS:

1. LAFAYETTE 200 ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2024
2. 250TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF CONCORD LEXINGTON SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD
3. COMMISSIONING OF THE USS NANTUCKET - CPT DAN MAY PC, CPT. TIM HARADEN PC
4. VETERAN'S HOME INITIATIVE, HOLYOKE AND CHELSEA, TOUCH AND PLAY VIDEO SCREENS - BG JOHN DRISCOLL, SGT. DONALD STRUNK, COL. MIKE LAZO, SUPERINTENDENT HOLYOKE
5. THERE WERE SO MANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.... TOO MANY TO MENTION
6. I CONTINUE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING:

7. BG JOSEPH MILANO PC, SENIOR PC MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE GOV./ CPT GEORGE MORRISON, CHIEF OF STAFF - ADVISING, GUIDING, CORRECTING AND WATCHING MY BACK DURING A VERY BUSY YEAR.
8. I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, WAY TOO MANY TO PUBLICLY THANK. WE PERFORMED MANY PARADES, CEREMONIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EVENTS REQUIRING HANDS ON, DEDICATED COMMITMENTS. WE AS A COMPANY HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING BUT PRAISE.
9. I WANT TO THANK MY COMMAND STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK, DILIGENCE AND UNENDING SUPPORT, FIRST LT JOHN DAMIANO, SECOND LT ROBERT COLLINS
10. I WANT TO THANK THE LAFAYETTE SERGEANTS FOR STANDING UP, REPRESENTING THE CAPTAIN COMMANDING'S GOALS AND GIVING THEIR ALL FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMPANY.
11. OUR TRAVELS THIS YEAR TOOK US TO ISRAEL ON PREPARATION TRIP AND NEW ORLEANS FOR OUR FFDTD, UNFORTUNATELY AND TRAGICALLY WAR PREVENTED ISRAEL. OUR FFDTD TO NEW ORLEANS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS COMMEMORATING, BOTH OUR 250TH ANNIV AND CIVIL WAR INVOLVEMENT. WE ALSO CELEBRATED OUR MASS NATIONAL GUARD AND LOUISIANA BONDS DURING AND FOLLOWING HURRICANE KATRINA. I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW FOUND FRIENDS, THE WASHINGTON ARTILLERY COMPANY FROM NEW ORLEANS. IN PARTICULAR, JAY WHO MADE OUR FFDTD A GREAT SUCCESS. THE COMPANY WAS REPRESENTED IN WASHINGTON DC, FLORIDA, NEW YORK CITY, LONDON ENGLAND, THE CARIBBEAN (MY CAPTAINS CRUISE) FOR SEVERAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS. I WANT TO THANK LT SHERVIN HAWLEY, MY TRAVEL OFFICER FOR COORDINATING THESE TRIPS.
12. MY YEAR WAS DEDICATED TO 9/11 WTC MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM. AS A CAREER POLICE OFFICER NOW RETIRED AND HOMELAND SECURITY EXPERT, NOW RETIRED, FIRST RESPONDERS ARE IN A VERY BAD PLACE. I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO SERVICE FOR OUR CITY, STATE AND NATION. AS YOU CONSTANTLY HEAR, POLICE RUN TOWARDS DANGER AND SACRIFICE NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCE. TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER WHO I WILL INTRODUCE SOON, COLONEL GEOFF NOBLES, COMMANDER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE UNDERSTANDS THIS SITUATION. 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS GAVE THEIR ALL DURING OPERATIONS AND CONTINUE TO FALL IN RECORD NUMBERS. I AM NO DIFFERENT AND EXPECT TO BECOME A STATISTIC IN FUTURE STUDIES OF THIS TRAGEDY. ELIZABETH HILLMAN, CEO OF THE WTC 9/11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO A LAST MINUTE CONFLICT, COULD NOT ATTEND, SHE SENDS HER SINCERE APOLOGY. THE WTC 9/11 MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL WHICH SITS IN THE HEART OF LOWER MANHATTAN. MANY SOULS ARE PRESENT ON THIS SITE REMINDING VISITORS AND FAMILY OF LOST RESPONDERS, SHARED STORIES, TEACHING OUR YOUNG THE VALUE AND COST OF PATRIOTISM. WE AS THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASS REALIZE THIS COST AND UNDERSTAND PRESERVATION OF HISTORY. THE COMPANY WAS PROUD TO PRESENT TO THE MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL A SIGNIFICANT DONATION. THE WTC HEALTH NETWORK HAS DEDICATED STAFF WHO PERSONALLY MONITOR AND TREAT DAILY THOSE OF US WHO WERE EXPOSED TO TOXINS. THIS IS A THANKLESS JOB AND I KNOW HOW MUCH I DEPEND ON MY CASE REPRESENTATIVE, I ASK MINDY MORGAN AND HER HUSBAND OSCAR TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. LAST BUT MOST IMPORTANT ARE FAMILY, NO LEADER SUCCEEDS WITHOUT STRONG GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FROM LOVED ONES. I ASK MY WIFE HALLENE, AND DAUGHTER MARISSA MATTERN TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.
13. IN CONCLUSION, I BELIEVE THIS BEST DESCRIBES MY COMMAND YEAR, I QUOTE ADMIRAL WILLIAM MCRAVEN, A FOUR - STAR ADMIRAL, FORMER COMMANDER OF ALL US SPECIAL FORCES AND A NAVY SEAL:
KNOW THAT LIFE IS NOT FAIR AND THAT YOU WILL FAIL OFTEN. BUT IF YOU TAKE SOME RISKS, STEP UP WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGHEST, FACE DOWN THE BULLIES, LIFT UP THE DOWNTRODDEN, AND NEVER EVER GIVE UP, IF YOU DO THESE THINGS, THEN YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE, FOR THE BETTER...AND MAYBE THE WORLD.

THANK YOU!

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Chartered in 1638

The First Military Company Chartered in the Western Hemisphere

As the settlements which followed the landing at Plymouth increased and spread across Massachusetts, there was no organized military force for protection against the Indians. So-called "Train Bands" were formed in different settlements, but these were only local volunteer companies and there was no joint action or centralized authority. A number of settlers had been members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London (organized and chartered in 1537) and it was natural that the military training they had received in that Company should lead them to desire to form a similar organization in the new country. In 1637 the Company was formed for the instruction in discipline and tactics. Upon petition, Governor Winthrop and The Great and General Court of the Commonwealth granted a Charter in March 1638. On the first Monday in June following, an election of Officers was held on Boston Common. Since that time, the Company has maintained the tradition of having its annual election on Boston Common on the first Monday in June by casting their votes on the Drum Head.

Since 1746, the Headquarters of the Ancients has been located in Faneuil Hall, an Historic edifice known to all Americans. In the Armory, the Company maintains a unique Military Museum and Library, which is without equal in the United States. Here are relics of every war in which the Country has engaged since settlement. The Armory is open to the public daily and many thousands of visitors from every part of the world register every year in the guest book.

Members of the Company trod the fields of every battlefield of New England; they fought for freedom on foreign soil; they judged the courts, they pleaded at the bar; they instituted town government and leveled forests and they were active in settling the towns of the frontier.

Members of The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company have served in every battlefield from Bunker Hill to Yorktown, the War of 1812 and the Civil War, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan. Its members still serve at home and abroad today.

This is the same Company that Washington knew, that Franklin saw march through the streets of Boston, that John Adams and John Quincy Adams visited, that has had eleven members who received the nation's highest military decoration -the Medal of Honor - and has had four of its members serve in the world's most important office, President of the United States: Presidents James Monroe, Chester Alan Arthur, Calvin Coolidge and John F. Kennedy, the same Company which has always will stand for, and always will stand for, the best in Citizenship.

JUNE DAY REGULAR TOASTS 2025

The President of the United States

HM King Charles III of Britain

The United Kingdom

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The City of Boston

The City of New Orleans, LA

The Armed Forces of the United States

**The Honourable Artillery Company
of London**

**The Ancient and Honorable Artillery
Company of Massachusetts**

387th June Day Anniversary

Dinner Menu

Wine served with Dinner

Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

PRE-SET

CAESAR SALAD

*Shaved Parmesan, Caesar dressing
& House Croutons*

ENTRÉE

**ROASTED FILET MIGNON WITH
PINOT NOIR – PEPPERCORN REDUCTION**
*Roasted potatoes with Rosemary & Garlic and
Roasted baby vegetables*

DESSERT

BOSTON CRÈME PIE WITH BERRIES

*Taylors of Harrogate Tea selection
New England Regular and Decaf coffee*



COLONEL GEOFFREY D. NOBLE
Superintendent, Massachusetts State Police

Colonel Geoffrey D. Noble was sworn in as the Massachusetts State Police Superintendent on October 4, 2024, by Governor Maura Healey. Prior to his appointment, Colonel Noble served as the President of East Coast Operations for Inter-Con Security, the fourth largest private security firm in North America.

Before his transition to the private sector, Colonel Noble spent 27 years with the New Jersey State Police. The majority of his tenure there was spent in the homicide unit, where he rose from Detective to Captain. He spent over two years as the commander of the NJSP Forensic Sciences Division where he was internationally recognized for implementing a new crime-gun processing model which significantly enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of ballistic forensic processing. He spent nearly four years as the Deputy Superintendent/Lieutenant Colonel, overseeing all aspects of the 4100-member agency before retiring in 2022.

In his current role as the Massachusetts State Police Superintendent, Colonel Noble is responsible for maintaining the delivery of the highest standards of statewide police services. Colonel Noble has quickly developed a strategic plan for the Department based on four core priorities; 1) Enhancing Public Trust 2) Employee Morale and Wellness 3) Community Engagement and 4) Violent Crime Reduction.

Colonel Noble has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Master of Arts in Education, both from Seton Hall University. He is a graduate of the 246th Session of the FBI National Academy. He resides in Plymouth with his wife and three children.